Rs. 800.00 lakhs and 550.00 lakhs to Assam University, Silchar and Tezpur University, Tezpur till 31st March, 1996.

(b) and (c). Funds meant for Central Universities are placed by the Government at the disposal of the University Grants Commission which makes allocations to such Universities on assessing their requirements. The Central Government has no powers to issue directions to the UGC for fixing the allocations of particular universities. The Commission has, however, been advised to allocate funds to the two universities by adopting, to the extent possible, uniform criteria.

Publication of Sainik Samachar

3828. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 502 on November 29, 1995 and state:

(a) whether the delays in procurement of paper for regular publication of Sainik Samachar has been resolved by now and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the subscribers are receiving their magazine regularly and upto which issue they have received the magazine;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and how many issues are pending for printing and despatch to the subscriber for want of paper;

(d) by when the magazine will be received by all the subscribers; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure the timely and uninterrupted publication of the magazine and avoiding such lapses in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (e). Delays have taken place in the printing and despatch of the Sainik Samachar in different languages leading to non-receipt of the publication regularly by subscribers on account *inter alia* of non resolution of the paper accounts with the designated printers. At present eight issues in different languages are behind schedule, the period of pendency varying from December 1995 to March 1996. The Ministry of Defence is presently engaged in a restructuring exercise with the objectives of ensuring its regular publication and improving its quality.

[Translation]

Command Area Development Programme

3829. SHRI LAL BASU PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated year-wise in the last three years for Bihar by the Government under the Command Area Development Programme;

(b) the details of programmes formulated for the Purnia division under this scheme for the current and next year; and

(c) the time by which these programmes will be completed and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The amount allocated year-wise in the last three years for Bihar by the Union Government is as under:—

	Year		Rs. in lakh
(i)	1993-94	-	1351.96
(ii)	1994-95	-	666.12
(iii)	1995-96	-	100.00

(b) The details of programmes as formulated by the State Government, for the Purnia Division for the current year and the next year are as under:—

The programme for the year, 1996-97 consists of survey of 24000 hectares of command, land levelling for 60 hectares, construction of lined field channel of 90 kilometres and field drains of 900 hectares; warabandi for 4500 hectares; and adaptive trial for 60 hectares at an estimated cost of Rs. 7.51 crores excluding the cost of establishment.

The programme for the year, 1997-98 consists of works same as proposed for the year, 1996-97 at an estimated cost of Rs. 8.21 crores.

(c) The programmes as proposed under item (b) above, are scheduled to be completed within the stipulated period subject to the availability of necessary funds.

[English]

Monuments of Jantar Mantar

3830. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of recent reports that environmental degradation to some extent caused by human factors, is causing decay to the monuments of Jantar Mantar situated in the heart of New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to clear unhealthy surroundings from these monuments and renovate them for preserving their unique features?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The area adjoining the compound wall of the monument is under the control of New Delhi Municipal Council. New Delhi Municipal Council has been requested to keep the surroundings neat and tidy in the interest of the monument.

Loss by River Beas

3831. SHRI SUKH RAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that river Beas has been causing loss to the projects, people and great damage to tourism which has great potential from Kullu to Leh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is under consideration of the Union Government to pass directions to the State Government to prepare projects to avoid land erosion from watershed areas;

(d) whether some experts are also engaged for the purpose and make possible for channelisation of rivers; and

(e) if so, the details of directions and projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). Government of Himachal Pradesh has informed Central Water Commission that floods in river Beas during 1995 eroded certain reaches thereby causing damage to the properties and affected tourism industry. The State has estimated the damages to the tune of Rs. 106 crores.

(c) Central Water Commission, after inspection of the area, has suggested structural and non-structural measures for flood control including anti-erosion works.

(d) and (e). Central Water Commission and Central Water & Power Research Station (CWPRS) experts inspected some of the reaches along river Swan in May 1994 to explore the possibilities of channelisation and recommended model studies. CWPRS has completed these studies and submitted a technical report to Government of Himachal Pradesh in August 1996.

Army Recruitment Centres

3832. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Army recruitment centres in the country at present and the number of soldiers recruited by these centres during the last three years, State-wise and centre-wise; and

(b) the basis on which the number of vacancies are determined and the norms prescribed for the physical standards and educational qualifications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b). The total number of Army recruitment centres in the country is 130. This includes 13 HQ Recruiting Zones, 71 Branch Recruiting Offices and 46 Training Centres. The details of recruitment made State-wise and centre-wise during the last three years are given in statement I and II respectively.

2. The Recruitable Male Population (RMP) of various States and Union Territories is the basis for determining/ allotting number of vacancies to different Zonal Recruiting Offices and Centres. The RMP comprises of those eligible males who meet the laid down qualitative requirements and is generally reckoned as 10% of the male population of each State/Union Territory.

3. The norms laid down for minimum physical standards and educational qualifications required for enrolment into the army are given in statement III and IV respectively.

STATEMENT - I

State-wise Recruitment carried out in Army

Sl. No.	Name of State/ Union Territory	Recruiting Year			Remarks
		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	
1.	Assam	528	771	1135	
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1437	2347	3094	
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	32	52	49	
4.	Bihar	1608	3396	4826	
5.	Goa	13	28	25	